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1. "The Osno (German: Drossen) area of Poland is limited to the south by the railway line Frankfurt/Oder - Slubice - Rzepin - Bozow. It is limited on the west by the course of the Oder River. This area in its entirety is nearly fully covered by a team (zespól) of state-owned farms - FGR's. The administrative headquarters of the team is in Osno.

2. the FGR's in the Osno team included:

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- (a) Lubien - This is the largest estate of all 'domain-teams'. It specializes in cattle-breeding and 'oil plants' (rzepak). Horse-breeding is likewise attached to this FGR. The former manor house is now used as the administration-building.
- (b) Smogory - This is the most industrialized FGR of the team-group. Attached to it are a distillery, a potato-slicery and oil seed plants. The manager of this estate is (fnu) Kowaleki.
- (c) Grabno - This can be defined as the best administered estate of the entire group. Apart from its oil seed plants, its specialization is experimental planting of jute and chicory. It is further distinguished by pig-breeding and a model turkey farm. The manager of this estate is (fnu) Wietrzykowski.

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- (d) Swiniary - This is a PGR that specializes in oil seed plants and pig-breeding. Apart from the PGR the locality has a kolkhoz and even some individual farms.
 - (e) Trzeszow - Apart from normal farming this PGR specializes in chicory planting. In June 53 there were a number of individual farmers in the locality but arrangements for a kolkhoz were already under way.
 - (f) Lipienice - This PGR specializes in the cultivation of oil-seed plants, sheep-breeding and pig-breeding.
 - (g) Radachow - Normal farming.
 - (h) Lubow - Regular farming only.
 - (i) Polecko - Normal farming. Manager (fnu) Ostrowski.
 - (j) Mienno - Normal farming.
 - (k) Szpudlow - Normal farming.
 - (l) Podosno - Normal farming.
 - (m) Czarnow - No field cultivation, only meadowland.
 - (n) Krasnik - The smallest PGR in the team-group. The locality also has a kolkhoz and some individual farms.
3. The whole team-group covers an area of six thousand ha of cultivated land, and around 200 ha of meadowland. Its administration is under (fnu) Kosinski, who was head of the Radachow estate. Before World War II he was a small farm holder. He, personally, does not belong to the Communist Party; consequently the entire team of PGRs is not governed by Party atmosphere.

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4. The management of the team is as follows:
- (a) The general administration has five bookkeepers whose chief is (fnu) Kotarski. This general management has its chief agronomist and a deputy, a chief for animal husbandry and a deputy, two specialists for production planning, one cashier, (fnu) Jakiecki, two tradesmen and two female secretaries. Altogether the administration has a staff of 17 people.
 - (b) The construction brigade consisting of 20 masons, carpenters, etc.
 - (c) Workshops with 30 mechanics and apprentices. In these workshops are performed all repairs on the agricultural machinery owned by the group of PGR's.
 - (d) A warehouse where four people are employed.

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5. "The administration as a whole consists of around 80 people. They form, however, only part of the red-tape personnel employed in state-owned estates. A number of other persons belong to the team but are employed on individual estates.
6. "To have as good personnel as possible, especially in the farm-breeding line, the team operates its own agricultural school. This is located in the outskirts of Osno, on the small farm (adjacent to the manor) of Kochan.
7. "The mechanical equipment of the team is perfect, with 56 tractors (among them the Polish production Ursus, 16 Czech-production Zetor of type K-25 and T-25, the Soviet-production tractors type KD and some pre-World War II German production Lanz bulldozers). All other machinery of this team of estates is mainly new, of Polish or Czech production, plus one so-called Kombain imported from the USSR early in 1953.
8. "The main garage and workshop for all of the machinery belonging to the team is located in the pre-World War II German Kaiser factory that manufactured electrical motors. The factory was bombed out during war actions, and the rest of the machinery was taken away by the Soviet army in 1945. In the meantime the factory buildings were partly reconstructed.
9. "All supplies for the Osno PGR come from the central supply warehouses in Sulechów, except that lubricants are supplied from Rzepin and several special tools from Gorzów, where the central management of the PGR team for the entire area has its seat.
10. "The Osno PGR team showed in 1952 a deficit of around 51 million zlotys. Simultaneously the nearby Slubice PGR team had a deficit of 2,500 million zlotys. The Rzepin PGR team to the south, was operating with a deficit of around four or five million zlotys. These high debts incurred by the various PGR teams result from the uneconomical investments made every year by the PGR's without proper advance calculations. Fertilizers, and also agricultural machinery, are available in utter abundance, while the individual farmers, on the contrary, receive any support at all. They cannot, for example, obtain fertilizers or seeds if they are under even the slightest indebtedness on their compulsory allotments.
11. "All the output of the Osno PGR team production is sent to Sulechów or to Kostrzyn (Kuestrin). In 1953 the construction of the huge silos in this town was completed. According to the population these silos will be collecting the corn for the entire frontier-area between Slubice and Kostrzyn for export to the Soviet Zone of Germany."

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